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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For State Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce H. H. HENNINGER, Wayne county, a candidate for the office of State Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

This being our last issue of the good year just closing, and only a few hours of it remain until the new one is ushered in, we feel that it is the proper time to bid adieu to the present and extend our greetings to the future. With one hand, as it were, grasping the old, the other extended to the new, we feel as if we were introducing the past to the future, the good to the better, the dead to the living.

The deeds of 1902 have nearly all been recorded, its last day only remains to round up its full career and whether it has been a year well spent individually is a question that each must answer for himself. As we see the last day gliding by and the few short hours steadily but surely passing, we feel that 1902 is now being lower, ed into the golden vault of the twentieth century, yet, to live in the memory of millions who have participated in its blessings, individually and collectively.

We realize that it has been a remarkable period of time, that it goes on record as a prosperous year—one in which much good has been accomplished, one in which the ambitions and energies of the people have been thoroughly aroused. Throughout this entire country it was a period in which individuals have been stimulated to put forth their best efforts, to reach out and become a factor in progress.

As a nation the same buoyant feeling has been master, and thus we have moved as never before.

Here, on the sunny side of Old Kentucky, here in Adair county, in Columbia, we have all realized that the year now ending has been laden with good for us. Our people are aroused to the importance of better public conditions which have been manifested in building and repairing public roads, the erecting of a strong and substantial iron bridge over Russell's creek, the free will offering of nearly \$9,000 for a school of high grade and the substantial foundation work of an electric railway from this town to Campbellsville.

We enter the New Year with the blessings of the departed, with its incomplete structures and enterprises. December, 1902, turns over to January, 1903, designs that must be carried to completion. Our confidence in the people of this section, our knowledge of their ability convinces us that the New Year will be a more prosperous one than that 1902. The good work only begun and a good public sentiment is growing stronger.

A canvass of the business enterprises of this town reveals the fact that our business people, have all enjoyed prosperity in their respective lines. It further shows that we all enter the incoming year with our anticipations of good results to our town and county. We have no doubt as to the increase volume of business done in Columbia in 1902, or that it has ever been equal in any preceding year. Neither do we doubt that the good held within the grasp of

1908 for a town and county so thoroughly alive to the importance of united action for public good.

The News has increased its circulation, its advertising patronage and the output of its job-work nearly doubled. It has been our most prosperous year, and to all who have contributed to its welfare, directly or indirectly, we tender our sincere thanks.

We have no apology to offer to those who may be inclined to criticize our efforts or to lightly esteem what we have sought to accomplish. We briefly state it this way: We have done our best, under the circumstances, to have an honest, faithful effort to give our readers an interesting local paper, have sought, labored and sacrificed to advance the general good.

In as much as we have been following our own inclinations, led by an honest desire to see conditions turn for the better, we can not change our policy, but we can renew our promise made at the beginning of each year, that we will do our best in the sphere in which we work. The incoming year is laden with good for us all. Let us work together without discord and make it the best of all years for this section of the country.

In renewing our pledge we also renew our appeal for a continuance of patronage, promising to give full value to all our patrons.

To 1908, we are ready for a handshake and bid it welcome.

The next annual meeting of the County Attorney's Association of Kentucky will be held at Dawson Springs in July next. The President has appointed Mr. Jas. Garretts, Jr., of this place, a member of the committee to arrange a program.

It is said that interesting reading is expected by the House members when the report is received from the Secretary of State on the expenditures of the Panama Canal Commission. The report was called for by Mr. Hepburn.

ELISS.

Yuletide came and went very quietly at this village.

Rev. A. L. Mell, a jolly pleasant divine of Gradyville, was in our midst X-mas.

"No place like home" is much in evidence these times as a goodly number of those who have been absent, are back home to spend the holidays.

Hurray for Lindsey-Wilson trainees! A thing of certainty to be located at Columbia and for an Interstate railroad yet to be coming.

Mrs. Carrie Powell, who is matron for the college at Lebanon, Tenn., arrived home Christmas. She returned Tuesday.

Ray trade has been very brisk at 20 cents; poultry, 7. Such has been a handsome revenue, that was brought into our community.

There has been exceptionally good during Christmas.

Mrs. Elmona Sa. ndidge is slowly regaining her health from the effect of a scratch of a hen's spur, received six weeks ago.

Misses Susan and Lena Grisson and Bro. A. L. Mell, spent the day pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Grisson, Friday.

Mr. Lee McIner, of Cammer, was at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Sandidge, lately.

A. W. Paxton moved to the home stead of J. E. Robertson, two weeks ago.

Mr. K. Turk, of Cumberland county, was at the bedside of his brother, W. C. Turk, last week.

Dr. W. R. Grisson, wife and sister Eliss, of Columbia, spent the day with Mrs. Sen Grisson Saturday.

J. K. Robertson, of your city, was re Saturday.

Miss Lena Grisson, accompanied by Misses Laura Johnson and Irene Doboy have entered school at Lebanon, Tenn.

COLUMBIA MARKET.

REPORTED BY SAM LEWIS.

Wool, Grease, clean.....	16 1/2
Washed Wool.....	28
Beeswax.....	22
Foreshers.....	40
Hides, Green.....	6
Hides, Dry.....	10
Gingam.....	35c
Spring Chickens.....	7
Old Hens.....	15
Eggs.....	15
Dried Apples.....	34

KENTUCKY NEWS.

James Wilson, a farmer of Bath county, was thrown from a wagon in a runaway and killed.

While demented, Mrs. August Fehler, of Louisville, jumped into the river and was drowned.

Mrs. Tom South, of Paducah, gave her babe landanum to ease pain, and it died from the effects of the drug.

Geo. O. Herndon died at the Confederate Home at Pewee Valley. This is the third death since the Home opened.

Thomas Prewitt, a well-known business man of Boyle county, dropped dead at Perryville while attending to business.

Harry Catlett, a young farmer of Anderson county, committed suicide. He first took a dose of Paris green and then cut his throat.

The Sun Life Insurance Company of Louisville, has gone out of existence, and transferred its business to the Metropolitan, of New York. It was claimed that the taxes eat up the profits.

William Harrel shot and seriously wounded W. C. Rush, near Henderson, firing two charges of squirrel shot into him at close range. He objected to Rush's attention to his daughter.

Mrs. Ida Thutgh, of Petersburg, fell and injured herself several days ago. On being told that her injuries would prove fatal, she requested that her daughter, Miss Doty and Mr. Warren Burns be married in her presence. A license and minister were secured, and the ceremony was performed at her bedside.

Pennsylvania capitalists have purchased 25,000 acres of timber and coal lands in Rockcastle county, and Manchester branch of the Louisville and Nashville to Pound Fork, in Jackson county, a distance of 12 miles, to haul the product.

A young man, whose identity has not been ascertained, has been arrested at Miami, Fla., for getting money by false pretenses and impersonating Gov. Beckham. He succeeded in making prominent people at Miami believe that he was the Governor of Kentucky. Bogus telegrams, one of them commending the death sentence of a notorious Kentucky murderer, and another purporting to be from President Roosevelt, were used to heighten the deception. The impostor is said to have borrowed considerable money.

Arthur Ball, a five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ball, near Danville, is gradually starving to death. Two weeks ago he swallowed a powder toy dog.

There is said to be about forty cases of small-pox at Junction City, Ky. It is in a mild form.

Rev. F. F. Fite, a Methodist preacher, is to be tried at Vancouber for mail stealing. He says he can establish an alibi.

Judge T. R. McBeath is tipped as the winner in the race for Reporter of the Court of Appeals.

Edward McMurtry, an employee of the Lexington Asylum, died under suspicious circumstances in a hotel bar.

Judge B. L. D. Guiffy says he will be a candidate for the Legislature.

A special from Danville says:—Some years ago John Oshate and family of ten children, who lived near here, located in Galveston, Tex. Before he had been there many months his wife and eight of the children were drowned in the Galveston flood. At the same time he lost all of his goods, except a pony and one mule. Mr. Oshate then determined to return to his former home in Kentucky. Being without money he hitched the mule and horse to a spring wagon and his fourteen-year-old boy and eight-year-old daughter started overland to this State. Before they had gone very far the three travelers were attacked by a band of bushwhackers and the father was killed. The children were alone and without money in the most thinly settled portion of

Arkansas. The boy was as determined as his father to return to his native home, and made the trip with his little sister, arriving here yesterday afternoon. He begged food along the way. They have been nearly a year on the trip.

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L. B. Burton, White Oak.
A. H. Baugh, Beech Grove.
G. W. Montgomery, Phil.
J. Q. Montgomery, Tazewellville.
J. F. Barger, Preston.
E. N. Metcalfe, Columbia.
A. L. Mell, Pickett's Chapel.
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Antiskumia Powder and Tablets, 60.....	10
100 pills—Asafoetida, 3 grain.....	22
" Asafoetida, 5 grain.....	27
" Bland's Iron Tonic.....	22
" Compound Cathartic, Vegetable.....	15
" Compound Cathartic, U. S. P.....	15
100 Calomet Tablets, 1-10, 1, 1/2, 1 grain.....	7
100 Calomet Tablets, 1 grain.....	12
100 Morphine Tablets, 1 grain.....	22
100 Strychnine Tablets, 1-10, 1-30 grains.....	22
Trusses, New York Elastic, single.....	60
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PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Pauline Cabel is visiting in Campbellville.

Miss Lydia Simpson was in town during the holidays.

Ed. Lawrence Williams returned to Carrollton last Friday.

Miss Della Mitchell spent several days of last week in Columbia.

Miss Pearl Hindman mingled with her friends here Christmas day.

Dr. Loren Williams, Glasgow, is visiting his parents at Montpelier.

Rev. S. A. McKay, of Sulphur Spring, Ky., spent last week in Columbia.

Dr. R. A. Jones, Staunton, visited his parents at Montpelier last week.

Mr. Curt Bell, a police clerk of Russell & Merrill, is visiting at Red Lick.

Mr. M. H. Marcus has so far recovered as to be able to look after his business.

Mr. J. D. Walker and family and Miss Sallie Diddle spent last week at Gradyville.

Miss Mattie Taylor, who was taken quite ill one evening last week, has recovered.

Miss Lizzie Patterson, a popular young lady of Campbellville, is visiting Miss Willie White.

Mr. E. R. Pease and Mr. R. T. Jones and wife, Polytion, were visiting here last Friday and Sunday.

Messrs. Jack Sanders, O. L. Kemper and E. L. Gowsky, Campbellville, were in Columbia Monday night.

Mr. D. J. Schoelling is yet confined to his room, but it is believed that he is improving. He has a stomach trouble.

Misses Jennie and Fannie Garrett will return to their positions this week, the former going to Jellico, the latter to Glasgow.

Mr. Gus Albright, of Louisville, who spent several days very pleasantly with friends in Columbia, returned home last Saturday.

The Messrs. Williams and Sallie Jones, Montpelier, Mattie Taylor and Fannie Jones, Columbia, will return to Richmond in a few days.

Mr. Geo. R. Miller, of this place, will leave Louisville next Thursday for a three months trip. He will not again reach Columbia before May or June. His territory now covers several States.

Drs. C. M. Murrell, Abbie Jones, L. H. Higginbotham and J. N. Murrell, Jr., will return to Louisville in a few days. The first named gentleman will graduate from the Louisville School of Medicine this winter.

Miss Estelle Willis, a popular teacher and very estimable young lady of Joppa, this county, will leave for Greensburg the first of the year where she will assist her brother, who is the principal of the Academy at that place.

Miss Lillie Babank and Mrs. Bert Wofford visited Mrs. L. B. Hurt at Lebanon last week. They report but little change in the condition of Mrs. Hurt, who has been in a critical condition for the past month.

Mrs. Carrie Powell, who is teaching music in Lebanon, Tenn., College, came home for the holidays. Upon her return she will be accompanied by Misses Lena Grissom, Laura Johnston and Irene Dobson, all of whom will enter the college.

Mr. Titus Mercer enjoyed Christmas with his friends at this place. There has been some talk of him quitting business at Campknox and opening a store at Gradyville, but he informed the News that he would like remain at his present location.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

After today write it 1903.

Our merchants report a splendid trade during the holidays.

Mr. W. E. Bradshaw sold two mules to Dick Drye, of Lincoln county, for \$150.

You can save money on overcoats, clothing, all kinds, blankets and comforts, by calling on W. L. Walker.

Young man, if you swear off what you oath. Sticktoitiveness is what makes a man.

FOR SALE.—I have a fine short horn bull I will sell or exchange for good mule cow. W. L. Walker.

Born, to the wife of Rev. E. N. Metcalf, December 26, 1902, a son; weight, 10 pounds.

Circuit court opens the third Monday in January. If a good grand jury has been drawn there will be "business to the house."

I have a lot of remnants in all kind piece goods, dress goods, cashmere, all cheap. Come before they are sold. W. L. Walker.

Usually there are more or less accidents to report after the holidays, but up to this writing not a single casualty has occurred. While the boys have had a great deal of amusement, they have been particular with fire arms.

The entertainment at the Methodist church Christmas night drew a large congregation. Those who participated in the exercises were mostly children, but their efforts would have done credit to older persons. There were songs, recitations, etc., the selections being appropriate for the day. The services of our Savior, By special request Miss Gertrude Grady sang beautifully a sacred Christmas song.

COL. W. C. TURK'S DEAD.

Last Monday morning at 10 o'clock the end to the well-spent life of the subject of this writing came. Mr. Turk was born and reared in Adair county and was about seventy years of age. He was a native farmer and trader, his business relations making him acquainted with the people generally of the county. He was an honest, upright citizen from his youth, and was highly respected by his neighbors and friends. Early in life he devoted himself to the study of the law, and was a consistent member until the time of his death. He was married and had two children, Dr. W. L. Turk, of Gallatin, Ala., and Mrs. H. C. Walker, of Gradyville.

He deceased served in the Mexican war and was a member Capt. Squire's company.

The sympathy of everybody is extended to the surviving members of the family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. C. Sandage and the interment was at Union Church, many relatives and friends being present. A good man has gone and the county has been made poorer. Peace to his memory.

MRS. POLLY HURT DEAD.

Last Wednesday afternoon, about the 10 o'clock hour, the subject of this writing died at her home. Her spirit went to God who gave it. She was one of the best known women in Adair county and was loved and respected by everybody, being especially kind to all those with whom she came in contact. She had reached her seventy-seventh year, and looked the perfect picture of health until a few days before her demise. She was the widow of Mr. Young E. Hurt, who served Adair county as sheriff a number of years, and who was filling the position when she died. She was a devoted help-mate a loving mother, and a kind and sympathetic neighbor.

She was survived by a large family of children, Messrs. L. B. and Rollie Hurt, of this place, being two of the number. The interment was at the W. H. Hurt cemetery in the afternoon of Christmas day, many relatives and friends being present. The deceased maiden name was Montgomery, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Montgomery, who lived a few miles from Columbia, and who were victims of cholera in 1873.

Mrs. Hurt was a true Christian lady, and to all the surviving children we would say strive to enter in at the straight gate.

On Sunday morning December 14, 1902, The Death Angel knocked at the door of C. C. Jones, of Joppa, this county, and called for his day which had only been spared to them eight months, to light their way now and home. With torn and bleeding hearts they say nothing more than Lord thy will be done and not ours be done.

Remember dear father and mother that while those strong earthly ties must be severed here, the bonds of Texas makes the mound in the Pilot Point cemetery, over the one gone, and beneath the soil of loved Adair county, sleep two more than we know that Heaven is with many ties stronger. And while we know our loved one can not come to us, we know that the bonds of the broken links will be reunited and there will be no more goodbyes.

THE NEW GROCERY STORE.

Have opened up a new store of family groceries, fruits and confections in the building formerly occupied by the Columbia Furniture Company. My goods are all new and fresh from the market, and I want the under sold. I solicit a share of the trade of the farmers and want butter, eggs and lard. Come and see me, I am ready for business. J. A. WALKER.

Very Respectfully,

W. L. WALKER.

NOTICE.

I have a madstone. Persons bitten with a snake may call on me. I will guarantee the stone. C. B. KENNETH.

Dunville, Ky. t-m 31.

We do not understand why it is that the court-house can not be used by the Police Judge in holding his courts. It is true that the court-house is the property of the county, and not the town, but the town is in the county and many cases that come up in this court would relieve the town of the expense of trial and place in the town where it justly belongs. If the town took its share of expense in the court-house, it would be a fair thing to do. We are sure that the court-house is the property of the county, and not the town, but the town is in the county and many cases that come up in this court would relieve the town of the expense of trial and place in the town where it justly belongs. If the town took its share of expense in the court-house, it would be a fair thing to do.

Next Monday will be county court. If you come to town, and are indebted to this office, call and settle. We need all the money that is due us.

Empty pocket-books will be as common this week as full stomachs were last week.

This office is in receipt of an anonymous communication showing contempt for our favorable mention of certain residents of this town. The anonymous writer advises that the mention of names of certain parties, their visitors, when they come, when they go and what they do, and notices of that nature to be published in the pages of our publication. This letter was mailed at the post-office in this town and the hand writing is so arranged that we cannot tell from whom it came. It is the littleness of the writer from start to finish. It portrays an envious sentiment clothed in ironical language. We answer as follows: The News has not made any complimentary mention of any one that it desires to retract. It has not played into the favor of any family but made such mention of people and acts as it deemed of interest to our readers or justly due the parties. We cannot please everybody. We do not try to mean to our duty as we see it. The anonymous writer may be suffering from melancholy due to the fact that we have failed to give him the personal notice when it was probably due, but overlooked or no information received to warrant us in so doing. If he merely notifies us of his desire to be in a photo and we will do the rest. Further, any party who desires a change in the policy of our paper should have the courage to present his grievances and offer the remedy in an open manner and not hide behind the cowardly and contemptible method of an anonymous letter. If the person of this column is so objectionable as this sainted page indicates then this trouble can be removed by a squaring of accounts. The writer, if he has a handwriting that covers identity, can find a true picture of himself in "Uriah Heap" by reading David Copperfield.

In the Adair county News of last week there is an advertisement by Tyler A. Baker, of Columbia, on "The Society of The Federal Constitution," a very able column, indeed, for one so young, for which he received the prize of \$400. It was delivered last June while a student at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., and although there were a number of contestants, he received the prize by a unanimous vote of the Judges. Mr. Baker is a nephew of Mrs. Lou Schuchling, and a sister of Mrs. Carlisle, of this city—Lebanon Enterprise.

To the people of all our neighboring counties the News of last week wishes for a prosperous New Year. We are truly thankful for the patronage we have received from you, and it is our intention to give you more interesting in the future than has ever been in the past. Everything that is worth writing we will endeavor to publish. Therefore, we have a new item of local interest send it to us. If our correspondents are out of stationery they should notify us.

Mr. R. E. Green, who has been the circuit Clerk of Taylor county for a number of years, left Campbellville last week in company with his wife for Louisville, having accepted a position in that city. It is our understanding that he will keep a set of books for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. He is a very efficient gentleman and will be a valuable acquisition to the clerical force of that immense corporation.

It is dangerous and radically wrong for persons to undertake to violate a law simply because that law has not been enforced. It matters not how small a measure seems if it has been created a law by the legislature it is walking in the right direction. Who is it that condemns law? Ask yourself the question.

Mr. Porter A. Murrell, son of Mr. S. H. Murrell, who lives in the Clear Spring neighborhood, was married to Miss Hilda Bell, daughter of Mr. J. B. Bell, on the 24th inst. The groom is in the mercantile business and is a prosperous young man. The bride is a very estimable young lady. Peace and happiness be with them.

Pensions have been granted the younger children of the late John Judd. They will draw two dollars per month until they reach the age of sixteen. Mrs. Judd made an application before her demise, and her estate will be paid eight dollars per month from the time she applied until her death.

The supper given by the Presbyterian church and Sunday-school, last Friday night, was largely attended. All the denominations in town were represented, and there was an abundance of food. The services were well attended and there was enough to have galloped many more.

The Christian Church and Sunday school will entertain their members at the college hall this (Tuesday) evening. It will be a supper and a game without saying that every thing will be elegantly prepared.

This office is the recipient of the handsome ink stand in this State. It is a Christmas present from Mr. T. E. Paull. This gift from our esteemed friend is appreciated in the fullest measure.

Judge W. W. Jones has just completed a very large locomotive and engine. He is going to have an opportunity to fill it.

Next Monday will be county court. If you come to town, and are indebted to this office, call and settle. We need all the money that is due us.

Empty pocket-books will be as common this week as full stomachs were last week.

ASONIC ELECTIONS.

The lodges named below elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. C. Colley, Worshipful Master, No. 65

Gordon Montgomery, Senior Warden.

T. A. Murrell, Junior Warden.

R. F. Paull, Treasurer.

W. W. Bradshaw, Senior Deacon.

Geo. F. Wofford, Junior Deacon.

L. G. Hurt, Secretary.

Dr. J. H. Grady, Stewards.

J. H. Murrell, Stewards.

Gradyville Lodge.

W. M. Wilmore, Worshipful Master.

G. F. Flowers, Senior Warden.

S. S. Sharp, Junior Warden.

H. C. Walker, Secretary.

John Roach, Treasurer.

J. R. Yates, Senior Deacon.

A. T. Sherrill, Junior Deacon.

G. W. Dudley, Tyler.

Glenelock Lodge.

Z. L. Samuels, Master.

H. K. Waltrip, Senior Warden.

G. B. Abrell, Junior Warden.

H. K. Taylor, Secretary.

S. S. Sharp, Treasurer.

F. A. Stranges, Senior Deacon.

L. A. Fletcher, Junior Deacon.

C. A. Walker, Tyler.

Hood Lodge, No. 602.

J. R. Russell, Worshipful Master.

John Riall, Senior Warden.

J. D. Abner, Junior Warden.

S. C. Hood, Secretary.

A. T. Patton, Treasurer.

W. B. Morris, Senior Deacon.

A. S. Barton, Junior Deacon.

W. H. Abner, Steward and Tyler.

Russell Lodge, No. 284.

H. H. Deane, Worshipful Master.

F. W. Leach, Senior Warden.

A. T. Patton, Junior Warden.

J. A. Morrison, Secretary.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued from the Adair County Clerk's office during the month of December:

Newton Norris to Miss Inis Comer.

Chas. Hardwick to Miss Ida Bottom.

J. W. Todd to Miss Bettie L. Montgomery.

Emil A. Stone to Miss Mary Pendleton.

Geo. E. Kemp to Miss Maud Beard.

E. C. Keltner to Miss Mary Beard.

W. S. Hart to Miss Alma H. Blair.

J. W. Thomas to Miss E. L. Comer.

Archer Wheeler to Miss Mattie L. Stone.

Walter Spoor to Miss Laura Tedder.

Uriah T. Bault to Miss Halsey Smith.

J. S. Smith to Miss Leona Robertson.

John R. Bell to Miss Hilda A. Bell.

Rev. E. W. Barnett to Miss Mary E. Garrett.

Olga Kimbler to Miss Suss A. McCall.

John R. Rock to Miss Myrtle Montgomery.

E. E. Meador to Miss Cleo Hendrickson.

James Norris to Miss Hiley English.

John Hubbard to Miss Mary Ingram.

F. G. Rogers to Miss Mattie F. Finn.

N. W. Odgers to Miss Nancy S. Redman.

S. A. Wintory to Miss Martha Rigney.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Allen were very agreeably surprised with a bountiful and delicious dinner, which was brought in by their children and grandchildren. The good dinner at the old homestead with father and mother was enough to make all hearts glad, and there were a few missing ones, too far away to be present, but were remembered with love and best wishes. Mr. Allen is in his eighty-seventh year, and Mrs. Allen seventy-seven, and they have been married nearly sixty years. They are as strong and active as could be expected at that age, and it is quite interesting to hear them tell of the good old times.

CALL AND SETTLE.

All persons indebted to me are requested to call and make payment. The business of 1902 must be closed.

T. E. PAULL.

Mr. J. A. Beard and Miss Bettie Williams, who live in the eastern portion of this county, were married Christmas day. The ceremony was pronounced at the bride's home.

OSARK BRIEFS.

Thomas Holladay has returned from the Georgia mule market and reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

Ury Morris has returned from Illinois, and declares that Kentucky is good enough for him.

Mr. Jeff White is erecting a nice new residence.

Mr. Martin Cave, of North Dakota, is visiting his brother, Mr. H. D. Cave, near this place.

Mr. Wilson, of Pulaski county, who recently purchased a farm from Mr. Thos. Jones, expresses himself as being well pleased with Adair county and its people.

A saw-mill will set on the farm of Mr. Geo. Reynolds in a short time. Pack sacks of immigrating in the near future.

Miss Vina Byrnes, of Joppa, will teach at the New Douglas School next year.

Miss Boye is one of the most popular teachers in the county and is a most estimable young lady.

Most of the farmers are through corn gathering. Some report a fairly good yield, while others report a big shortage. However it is not likely that many of them will have to buy, and they will have to go out of the community to buy.

Mr. Robt. Cabell, of the Zion vicinity, has moved here.

Mrs. Vio Barnett, of Glenelock, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Stots, returned home last week.

Hogs are scarce and consequently in demand. Cholera, or some other disease wrought havoc in many parts of the vicinity. However, most of the people killed enough meat to do them.

The wheat crop is very promising and, though the acreage is small, it will, no doubt, greatly exceed the yield of the last crop. There has been no reports of the fly and as the weather has been favorable the crop looks unusually fine.

Nimrods have been plentiful for the past week and, although birds and rabbits are plentiful, many of them returned as they came—with empty bags. It is strange, but nevertheless true, that lots of people cannot see straight when Christmas comes.

Rual Cabell returned from a trip to Green river last week. He will teach a singing school at Dunville some time soon.

Porter Murrell, of the firm of Montgomery & Murrell, will sell his interest to Mr. Montgomery and take up farm life in the near future.

Lawrence Montgomery, of Elroy, was visiting in this vicinity last week.

There is considerable improvement being made in this vicinity. Mr. J. Clayton Bryant has a cottage erected on his place. Mr. R. McCallister has completed a new house and Mr. James Taylor is building a large barn.

Prof. John Henry Holladay will add another room to his residence.

The new bridge across Russell creek has been worth many dollars to the people living on this side since its completion. Some of the subscribers to the bridge fund think they have been benefited more than the amount they subscribed already. On with the work for bridges and good roads. We need them all over Adair county so the success, at any time, go where business calls. Every bridge that is built and every road that is graded and surfaced with crushed rock or gravel increases the value of property and invites capital which makes the business wheel hum. A little increase in taxation is not going to hurt any body. Let us get our shoulders to the public improvement wheel and keep it rolling. It is to our interests to do this. Let every man, according to his ability, pull for Columbia and Adair county. Our interests are mutual. What is to the business man's interest, is to the farmer's and laborer's interest, and vice versa.

Some of our farmers have commenced cleaning their ground preparatory to starting a plow as soon as the weather will permit. Early plowing and planting generally insure a good crop.

Christmas passed off very quietly in this vicinity. Every body stayed at home by the fire and enjoyed themselves in the right way. Some people think that Christmas should be celebrated with a bottle, or a jug and a headache, but the people of this vicinity do not observe the Holy day in that way, hence there are no brawls and broken heads to report.

We are now on the threshold of an other year. Let every one of us strive during the New Year to do what is right, to keep that peace and good will may abide with us. Turn over a new leaf and paste it down.

A Happy New Year to all the people of Adair county and a wish that health and prosperity may attend you every day of the New Year. May the subscribers of the News "rough up" and come on. May the man who sells Matson's wear be married on the 25, Rev. M. H. Matson. We wish them a long, happy life.

The boys of this place killed several rabbits and birds Christmas day.

The young people are preparing for a Temperance meeting next Wednesday night at the church.

Mr. John R. Keltner has been very successful in trapping. He has caught enough foxes to buy himself a suit of clothes and two overcoats. Who can beat Uncle John catching foxes?

Mr. G. A. Keltner has bought Taylor Parson's farm.

Born, to the wife of W. W. Estes, a girl.

O. B. Finn has moved to his farm two miles north of here.

J. E. Zudd's school closed Friday.

Born, to the wife of Cyrus Dunbar, a son.

John Arnold sold two fat hogs to P. S. Duckson at 5c.

M. S. Hendrickson sold 17 shoats averaging 110 at \$4.00, to Judge Clord, of Campbellville.

The called court at Columbia Dec. 13th visited some of the boys around in this vicinity. They have no chance to dodge the grand jury now.

Christmas and Christmas goods plentiful.

Milltown, visited Mrs. R. L. Caldwell, last week.

Messrs. Geo. Flowers and Curt Bell, of Columbia, spent several days of last week in our city.

Messrs. Lawrence Rousseau and Jack Dickerson, two of the best insurance men of the State, were in our city one day last week.

Rev. A. L. M. Bell was at Hills part of last week.

R. D. Moss, of Evansville, Ind., is visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Kate and John Lee Walker visited relatives at Red Lick Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Geo.

OPENING OF COURT.

Impressive Formality Customary in the District of Columbia.

A rather impressive little ceremony now marks the formal opening of the several branches of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. When a justice enters his court room all persons who may be present rise, and including his honor, remain standing until the chief justice has taken his seat in the center of the bench. In a dignified manner to those persons having business before the honorable justice that "the court is now sitting."

Of late, says the Washington Star, in opening some of the courts, the priors have been adding to the stereotyped announcement the words: "God save the government of the United States and this honorable court."

As the cries were unfamiliar with the extra sentence some ludicrous mistakes were made at the start. Only a short time ago one of the justices got rather mixed, and instead of repeating the foregoing, said: "God have mercy on this court."

This caused so much merriment that the chief justice had to make a correction which helped some, although it was not the proper one. The practice of all standing in the court room as the justice enters has obtained locally just a few years. It is understood that the movement was inaugurated by Mr. Tracy L. Jeffords when he was assistant United States attorney for the District of Columbia under Mr. Arthur A. Birney. Mr. Jeffords made it a rule to rise from his chair in court when the justice appeared and soon the other attorneys began to follow suit. The custom is now general.

The practice is similar to that prevailing in the supreme court of the United States, and is considered a dignified expression of courtesy and respect. In the courts throughout the country for the most part, the sheriff or other official simply announces that court is open. At Marlborough, it is stated, the judge opens court by rapping on his desk with a gavel and calling for order.

The justices of the United States supreme court and of some of the courts of New York wear black gowns while on the bench. The adoption of such a costume by the justices of the supreme court of the District of Columbia has been suggested, and it is said that several of the members of the court are in favor of the innovation.

As to court fees, the item of appropriation to pay such officials was cut out of the bill by one house of congress several years ago, a backwoods representative arguing that a court clerk was a luxury not to be tolerated by his vote. The item was restored, however, in conference, and the clerks survive.

TRIED TO PROVE ASSAULT.

Colored Woman Overtook Her Part in Court Case.

"Some people who appear in the police court resort to queer means in an attempt to convince the judge that they have been dangerously assaulted," an attorney remarked to a Washington Star reporter. "The judges, however, are up to all the tricks, and it is seldom, if ever, that they are fooled," the speaker added. "Two colored women went into a dispute the other day, and it resulted in one of them having the other arrested on a charge of assault, and when the case was called in the police court the one who caused the arrest of the other, after taking an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, declared that the defendant had struck her on the head."

"Did you have a physician in attendance?" the court asked, noticing that the witness had her head bandaged up.

"No, sir," she answered, "but I was badly hurt."

"Let me see the wound," the court asked at this point.

"There isn't any wound," the woman replied.

"But why is your head wrapped up?"

"I was struck so hard that I've had the headache ever since," was the reply.

"The case was disposed of at this point by the charge being dismissed," by the judge, who decided that the facts did not warrant a conviction," the attorney said, in conclusion.

Insurance for Maidens.

Women insure against being old maids in Denmark. If they marry before they are 40, what they have paid in goes to the less fortunate, and their last cent goes to the treasurer of their lives on a scale proportionate on what they paid in.

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Don't try to drown your sorrows in a jug.

Furiously kissing a woman against her will is one of the most unsatisfactory as well as one of the most foolish performances a sane man ever attempts. It is a waste of effort and to good whatever it is. Recently a middle-aged man in New York was required by a jury to pay \$200 to a middle-aged woman for having kissed her once against her will, and now a jury at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has decreed that a wealthy mine owner must pay \$500 to a young woman of his acquaintance for having kissed her three times for a libel and against her consent. The jury acted rightly. Men idiotic enough to take kisses that way should be made to pay dearly for them. A kiss without the full consent and participation of the kissed is as insipid as cakes and as fruitless as baled hay or cotton batting.—Lexington Democrat.

A nibbler is a man who enters a grocery store, runs his fingers into a sugar barrel and laps up a couple of ounces of sugar; eats a handful of nuts and then goes over to the cheese case and cuts off a slice for a taste; then, as a matter of course, he must have a few crackers, and perhaps before he has made up his mind to purchase a quarter of a pound of tea he had eaten the profits of two dollars' worth of groceries. To wind it all up, after getting trusted for the tea on which he has realized a profit of five cents, he leaves the store munching a couple of apples. This is no picture of imagination, but is a reality, except that the nibbler fails sometimes to buy the tea.—Selected.

A Chicago man suggests that we hold all elections by mail. Read what he says: Many people will agree that our system of holding elections is stupidly cumbersome and expensive. All voting should be done by mail, and the election period should cover one entire week. A simple plan in State elections would be for each voter to send application for a ballot to the Secretary of State ten days prior to election week. The ballots would be forwarded at once by registered mail. Under this system each voter would receive his ballot many days before the election, during which time he could consider the candidates and all the questions and prepare his ballot at leisure. When election week came he would return his ballot by registered mail to the Secretary of State. If any frauds were discovered either in voting or counting, the guilty would meet the very grave indictment of using the United States mails to defraud.

In a letter to a friend of his in this city (Hon. H. H. Reynolds, of Bradenton, Fla.), our present Representative in the State Legislature, states that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. His business relations as chief of the Bradenton Bank are such that he could not accept the nomination without a great sacrifice. It is rumored that he is tendered his term of office by several of his people in Italy and has had many requests to make the race for the "next term" because of the most substantial and popular man in the county, leaving a host of friends who are ever ready to do for him what they have due in the past.—Lexington Editor.

The existence of American cattle was called in feeling alone appointing a commission in the shipping and "great trade" of Kansas are expected that the transportation may be extended to the United States. The United States government would result in a great price in the price of meat, as only a few farmers have large refrigeration for their meat. The steamer which arrived in the harbor with cargoes of cattle and sheep are not allowed to discharge.

The success of truck farmers in Tennessee, the past year, has started a boom in the organization of Tomato Clubs in that State. We suppose it is because in order that the truck farmer will not care what they can, and what they can't, they can.

Gov. Beckham has issued an address to the democrats of Kentucky announcing his candidacy for re-election.

The bill, reducing the duty on imports from the Philippines from 75 to 25 per cent, of the Dingley rates, passed the House.

J. W. McCain defeated Eugene Canby for representative in the Trimble county democratic primary.

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